

U.S. Embassy responds to quid pro quo Allegations

Regarding the late April reports of an unfounded allegation of a quid pro quo arrangement between the U.S. Embassy and the Minister of Culture, the U.S. Embassy in Algiers notes that it does not engage in quid pro quo arrangements and did not do so to obtain the use of the National Theater for the El Gusto concert or any other concert. The Embassy has historically and regularly partnered with the Ministry of Culture to provide cultural events for the Algerian people, with the Embassy covering costs to bring groups to Algeria and the Ministry providing venues for the performances.